GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - MA&UD Department - Allegations on failure to discharge the duties properly in initiating action against the unauthorized and irregular construction of Apartments in Srikakulam Municipality - Departmental action initiated by framing articles of charges against Smt. Y.Srilakshmi, the then TPBO, of Srikakulam Municipality – Enquiry conducted - Imposing a penalty of "withholding of Two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect " – Orders – Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.242 **Dated.13.04.2023.**

Read the following:

1) From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Vigilance Report No.90 (C.No.1106/V&E/D1/2016), dated.19.09.2017.
2) G.O.Rt.No.148, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.14.02.2018.
3) G.O.Rt.No.149, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.14.02.2018.
4) Written Statement of Defence / Served copies of Smt. Y. Srilakshmi, the then TPBO., Srikakulam Municipality.
5) G.O.Rt.No.501, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.13.08.2019.
6) G.O.Rt.No.502, MA&UD (Vig.I) Department, dated.13.08.2019.
7) G.O.Rt.No.515, MA&UD (Vig.I) Dept., dated.13.11.2020.
8) From Smt. R.J.Vidyullatha, Chief City Planner & Enquiry Officer, GVMC., Visakhapatnam, Enquiry Report, Dated.16.12.2021.
9) Govt.Memo.No.863317/Vig.i/2017, dated.11.04.2022.
10) Written Representation of Smt. Y.Srilakshmi, the then TPBO, of Srikakulam Municipality., Letter, dt.11.05.2022.
11) Govt., Lr.No.863317/Vig.1/2017, Dated:12.01.2023.
12) From Secretary, APPSC, File No.GAD03 –APPS0DCC/25/2023-DC.SEC-APPSC, Dated:09.03.2023.

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ORDER:

Whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Government by the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department that, the Vigilance & Enforcement Department conducted an enquiry with regard to allegations on failure to discharge the duties properly in initiating action against the unauthorized and irregular construction of Apartments in Srikakulam Municipality. In the reference 1st read above, the G.A. (V&E) Department, among others, recommended to initiate disciplinary action against Smt. Y.Srilakshmi, the then TPBO, and four (4) other Town Planning officials of Srikakulam Municipality for allowing the unauthorized constructions.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Government initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Smt. Y.Srilakshmi, the then TPBO, and four (4) other Town Planning officials of Srikakulam Municipality under Rule-24 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991. In the reference 3rd read above, among others, articles of charges were framed against Smt. Y.Srilakshmi, the then TPBO, of Srikakulam Municipality under Rule-20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991, duly directing her to submit written statement of defence thereon.

3. Having not convinced with the Written Statement of Defence submitted in the reference 4th read above, by the C.O.,Smt. Y. Srilakshmi, the then TPBO, Government

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after following due procedure, appointed Sri A.Prabhakara Rao, the then City Planner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam, as an Inquiry Officer to Inquire into the charges framed against Smt. Y.Srilakshmi, the then TPBO, and four (4) other Town Planning officials of Srikakulam Municipality vide reference 5th read above. In the reference 6th read above, Sri D.Rambabu, the then Deputy Director, GVMC., Visakhapatnam was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority. Subsequently, Inquiry officer was changed and Smt. R.J.Vidyullatha, the then Chief City Planner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam was appointed as Inquiry Officer in this case, vide reference 7th read above.

4. In the reference 8th read above, the Inquiry officer Smt. R.J.Vidyullatha, the then Chief City Planner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam submitted Inquiry report and concluded that, among others, all the four (4) charges framed against Smt. Y.Srilakshmi, the then TPBO, of Srikakulam Municipality were held 'proved' in the Inquiry.

5. Government examined the Inquiry report in detail and communicated a copy of Inquiry report to Smt. Y.Srilakshmi, the then TPBO, and four (4) other Town Planning officials of Srikakulam Municipality under Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 and directed to submit her written representation if any, on the findings of the Inquiry report vide reference 9th read above.

6. In the reference 10th read above, Smt. Y.Srilakshmi, the then TPBO, of Srikakulam Municipality has submitted her written representation duly denying the findings of the Inquiry report and requested to drop further action against her in the matter.

7. Government have examined the written representation of the charged officer; keeping in view the findings of Inquiry Officer and decided to impose a major penalty of "withholding of Two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" against Smt. Y.Srilakshmi, the then TPBO, of Srikakulam Municipality, since the total (4) charges held proved in the inquiry and there are no new points to consider her representation.

8. Accordingly, Governrnent after following due procedure in vogue, in the reference 11th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada was requested to convey the concurrence of the Commission to the said Government's Proposal.

9. In the reference 12th read above, the Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, Vijayawada has agreed, with the proposal of the Government, i.e., to impose a penalty of "withholding of Two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" against Smt. Y.Srilakshmi, the then TPBO, of Srikakulam Municipality.

10. Accordingly, Government hereby order to impose a major penalty of "withholding of Two(2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative effect" against Smt. Y.Srilakshmi, the then TPBO, of Srikakulam Municipality, in terms of Rule 9 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

12. The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

13. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Smt. Y.Srilakshmi, the then TPBO, of Srikakulam Municipality -
through the DTCP., Guntur.
The Director of Town & Country Planning., A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to A.P. Vigilance Commission, A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi.
The Secretary, A.P. Public Service Commission, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Municipal Commissioner, Srikakulam Municipality, Srikakulam District.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Vijayawada.
The Pay and Accounts Officer, Ibrahimpatnam, A.P., Krishna District
SF/SC (E.No.329070).

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SECTION OFFICER.